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- 1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT MINTOFF CONCLUDED VISIT TO KUWAIT FEB 3 AND SCHEDULED ARRIVED SAUDI ARABIA FEB 4 AFTER STOPS AT ROME AND CAIRO. REPORTS SAY HIS NEXT STOP WILL BE BAHRAIN.
- 2. IN CAIRO, HE IS SAID TO HAVE HAD TALKS WITH DEPUTY PREIMER HATEM ON COMMERCIAL, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC MATTERS, AND WOULD HAVE DISCUSSIONS ON SAME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TOPICS WITH OTHER ARABS LEADERS. REPORTS SAY HE

WOULD MEET WITH SADAT BEFORE LEAVING CAIRON BUT THERE HAVE BEEN NO INDICATIONS HERE THAT MEETING HAD TAKEN PLACE.

4. IN KUWAIT, MINTOFF REPORTEDLY MET WITH SHEIKHS SABAH AL SABAH, JAVER AL AHMED AND SABAH AL EHMED, AND WITH CHAIRMAN OF KUWAIT AIRWAYS, MR. FAISAL AL FULAJJ. REPORTS SAY KUWAITI SPOKESMAN ABDEL AZIZ HUSSEIN TOLD REPORTERS THAT MINTOFF HAD SHOWN A DESIRE FOR CLOSE TIES WITH KUWAIT AND OTHER ARAB STATES, AND THAT KUWAIT WELCOMED AND APPRECIATED HIS SUPPORT FOR THE ARAB CAUSE. REPORTS ALSO SAY THAT KUWAITI INVESTMENT IN MALTESE DRYDOCK PROJECT AND AIRLINE DEVELOPMENT WAS DISCUSSED. THE MALTESE DEL REPORTEDLY VISITED OIL INSTALLATIONS AND INDUSTRIAL AREA AT AHMADI.GETZ

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